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SUBJECT: SOVIET ROLE IN SOUTH YEMEN

REF: STATE 9517

WE CONVEYED REPORT IN REFTEL TO FCO ON JANUARY 13, AND
FCO IS STILL STAFFING OUT ITS COMMENTS. INITIAL
COMMENTS GIVEN TO US ARE THAT IT AGREES WITH BRITISH
ESTIMATES, AND IN PARTICULAR THAT ITS CONCLUSIONS RE-
SEMBLE THOSE OF THE JIC PIECE ON SOUTH YEMEN OF DECEM-
BER 1. AS PART OF THE CURRENT SPOTLIGHTING ON PDRY, WE
SUGGEST THAT THE US INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY OR INR
PRODUCE A BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH ON THE PDRY CABINET
INCLUDING US ASSESSMENT OF RIVALRY BETWEEN ISMAIL AND
ALI FOR EXCHANGE WITH BRITISH. IN THE PAST, OFFICERS
IN THE FCO MIDDLE EAST DEPT. HAVE SUGGESTED THAT
THIS RIVALRY IS LARGEY A CHARADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF
WESTERNERS AND ARABS. HOWEVER, SEE MOST RECENT JIC
PIECE ON PDRY, DATED JANUARY 19, WHICH TAKES A SOMEWHAT
DIFFERENT LINE.

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